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| Filed: April 13, 2001 |) | Confirmation No.: 7683 |
| For: MICROORGANISMS THAT |) | |
| EXTRACELLULARLY SECRETE |) | |
| LIPIDS AND METHODS OF |) | |
| PRODUCING LIPID AND LIPID |) | |
| VESICLES ENCAPSULATING |) | |
| LIPIDS USING SAID |) | |
| MICROORGANISMS |) | |

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed on April 1, 2004 and the Notice of Appeal filed on August 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: